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California's high-speed rail network requires NO TAX INCREASE and is subject to strict fiscal controls and oversight.

It's simple and fair – Once completed THE USERS OF THE SYSTEM PAY FOR THE SYSTEM. That's why taxpayer watchdog groups support Proposition 1.

Electric High-Speed Trains will give Californians a *real* alternative to skyrocketing gasoline prices and dependence on foreign oil while reducing greenhouse gases that cause global warming. Building high-speed rail is cheaper than expanding highways, airports and runways to meet California's population growth.

Gridlock, hassles of flying and long-distance auto travel have become very onerous. Proposition 1 will save time. Travel intercity downtown to downtown throughout California on High-Speed Trains faster than automobile or air travel -- AT A CHEAPER COST!

California's transportation system is out-of-date and deteriorating. We need options to poorly maintained roads, jammed runways and congested highways. Californians need what most of the civilized world has – high-speed rail. We've fallen so far behind other states and nations that our crumbling infrastructure threatens our economy.

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A 220-mile-an-hour statewide rail system will give Californians a faster, environmentally friendly alternative for travel and commerce.

Proposition 1 is endorsed by law enforcement experts, business leaders, environmentalists and Californians looking for safe, affordable and reliable transportation.

Signers of the ballot argument against Proposition 1 are habitual opponents of transportation improvements in California. Their claims are wrong.

Californians need to invest in a new, modern, effective mode of transportation.

Vote Yes on Proposition 1.

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